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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; establishing a Health Care Access Fund Oversight  
1.3 Commission; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62J.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[62J.071] HEALTH CARE ACCESS FUND OVERSIGHT**  
1.6 **COMMISSION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Establishment; duties.** The Health Care Access Fund Oversight  
1.8 Commission shall:

1.9 (1) develop criteria for acceptable uses of the health care access fund that maintain  
1.10 the integrity of the health care access fund as a funding source to expand access to health  
1.11 care services for low-income Minnesotans without replacing general fund appropriations  
1.12 for existing programs; and

1.13 (2) review all legislative proposals for new uses of the health care access fund and  
1.14 make recommendations to the legislature as to whether the proposal meets the criteria  
1.15 developed for acceptable uses.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The Health Care Access Fund Oversight Commission  
1.17 consists of:

1.18 (1) three health care providers appointed by the governor, who represent hospitals,  
1.19 physicians, prescription drug wholesalers and pharmacists, dentists, or optometrists, with  
1.20 no more than one member representing a specific provider group;

1.21 (2) two advocates for MinnesotaCare recipients appointed by the governor;

1.22 (3) two members of the house of representatives appointed under the rules of the  
1.23 house of representatives and two members of the senate appointed under the rules of the

2.1 senate, with one member of each body being from the majority party and one member of  
2.2 each body being from the minority party; and

2.3 (4) the commissioner of human services, or the commissioner's designee.

2.4 Subd. 3. **Governance.** The commission shall meet at least twice annually.

2.5 The commissioner of human services shall provide staff support for the commission.

2.6 The commission is governed by section 15.059, except that members shall receive  
2.7 reimbursement only for expenses and the commission shall not expire.